

NEHU PAN RAMA

NEHU Organises "Digital India Awareness University Workshops" to Promote Digital Empowerment

Shillong, May 7: The Computer Centre of North-Eastern Hill University, in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division, successfully organized the "Digital India Awareness University Workshops" featuring a Digital India Talk Show cum Interactive Session at the Multi-use Convention Hall, NEHU, Shillong, on May 7, 2026. The programme aimed to create awareness about key digital initiatives of the Government of India that are increasingly relevant to academic administration, examination systems, and digital governance. The workshop witnessed the participation of faculty members, officers, staff, researchers, and students of the university. Representatives and officials from the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, attended the programme as resource persons and conducted technical sessions on various flagship Digital India initiatives. Delivering the opening remarks, Sunil Jain emphasized the transformative role of Digital Public Infrastructure in ensuring inclusive governance, transparent service delivery, and seamless citizen access to government services. He highlighted the Government of India's vision of leveraging technology for empowerment, accessibility, and ease of living.



Sumarbin Umdor attended the programme as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, Prof. Umdor reflected on the vast transformation brought about by the digital revolution in India. He stated that during his student days there existed a huge disparity between the resources available in metropolitan cities such as Delhi and those accessible in Shillong and other remote regions. However, with the advent of the digital wave, resources and information are now available simultaneously to everyone, irrespective of geographical location.

International Women in Mathematics Day Programme conducted by Department of Mathematics



Shillong, May 13: The Department of Mathematics, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong observed the International Women in Mathematics Day on May 13, 2026. The programme was facilitated by the research scholars of the department and was attended by students of the second and fourth semester M.Sc. classes, research scholars, and faculty members.

The programme began with a lecture delivered by Dr. Sanghita Dutta on the topic “An Introduction to Moduli Spaces” at 1.30 p.m. The lecture introduced the audience to the basic ideas and motivation behind moduli spaces, highlighting their importance in modern mathematics. It provided the students and

research scholars with an opportunity to engage with a sophisticated mathematical theme in an accessible manner.

This was followed by a panel discussion from 2.30 p.m. onwards on the theme “If Mathematics is a language, how do we learn it?” The panelists were Dr. Saralin Lyngdoh from the Department of Linguistics, NEHU, Shillong, Dr. Rihun Rymbai from the Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong, and Dr. Ardeline M. Buhphang from the Department of Mathematics, NEHU, Shillong. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Rishabh Goswami from the Department of Mathematics, NEHU, Shillong.

Eminent Social Scientist Lecture delivered by Prof B. K. Pradhan in the Department of Economics

Shillong, May 19: The Dept of Economics, NEHU in collaboration with ICSSR NERC, organized an eminent social scientist lecture on 19th May, 2026 in the social science cluster classroom no 105. The lecture was delivered by Prof Basant K Pradhan, Vice Chancellor of IGIDR, Mumbai. The lecture started with Prof Chittaranjan Nayak, Head, Department of Economics, NEHU, giving his opening remarks and introducing the speaker. Prof Bhagirathi Panda, Honorary Director ICSSR NERC chaired the session. Prof B.K. Pradhan FOCUSED on climate finance mechanisms followed by the countries in India, specially focusing on his views on mitigation vs adaptation as strategy. Prof. Panda gave the chairman’s remark and Dr. Rajib Sutradhar ended the session with vote of thanks.

In Research Spotlight 2, Doctoral Scholar Miss Santana Phukan examines how migration shapes employment outcomes in India using PLFS 2020–21 data, highlighting the role of migration type, gender, and regional disparities in labour market mobility. Miss Naphisha focused on methodological tools used in constructing the QWL index, including the extraction of the underlying factors and dimensions of QWL. The Department of Economics, NEHU, organized



a multi-disciplinary colloquy titled “Food for All: The Role of Urban Canteens in Community Nutrition,” featuring Prof. Gummadi Sridevi as the keynote speaker, with a prologue delivered by Dr. Anjan Bhaskar. The event, chaired by Dr. Veronica Pala and moderated by Dr Mohd. Murtaza took place on 23rd May, 2026, 11 am. The colloquy focused on the critical role of urban canteens in ensuring accessible, affordable, and nutritious food for all, especially in urban settings. It highlighted how such initiatives can serve as an effective policy tool in addressing urban food insecurity and nutritional inequality.

NEHU Organizes Cleaning Drive at Sohlang Stream Mawlai Under Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan

Shillong, June 8: On 8th JUNE 2026, under “Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan” NEHU organized a cleaning drive at sohlang stream, Mawlai area (Shillong). The students from NSS unit- NEHU and Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan volunteers and other hostellers of NEHU contributed to make this event successful. Sohlang is an important stream for this area as it supply drinking water to the surrounding locality and its conservation is crucial.

“Nasha is not just an addiction; it is a slow poison that destroys families, careers, and dreams”. Through Nasha Mukti Abhiyan, we aim to awaken society, guide the youth, and build a drug-free nation.”

Under the guidance of Prof. Prof. Marco Babit Mitri (Nodal officer- Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan” NEHU) and DR Chandrakanta (CO-nodal officer- Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan” NEHU) this activity was organised.

World Blood Donor Day & Medtech Fest 2026 conducted by Department of Biomedical Engineering

Shillong, June 14: World Blood Donor Day is observed annually on June 14 to raise awareness about the need for safe blood and to thank voluntary, unpaid donors. The date honors the birthday of Austrian biologist Karl Landsteiner, who won the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking discovery of the ABO blood group system.

The global event was first established in 2004 by the World Health Organization (WHO) alongside key health partners, including the International Red Cross, to encourage regular, voluntary, and unpaid blood donations. By 2005, it was officially designated as an annual global event by the WHO's 192 Member States during the World Health Assembly.

The Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME), North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), in collaboration with the Office of the Dean Students' Welfare (DSW), successfully organized the observance of World Blood Donor Day 2026 along with MedTech Fest 2026 on 13th June 2026 at the BME Seminar Hall, NEHU Shillong.



The event was conducted under the theme: "One Drop of Humanity: Give Blood, Save Life"

The program aimed to create awareness regarding the importance of voluntary blood donation, encourage humanitarian values among students, and promote innovation in healthcare technology through student-led research and development initiatives.

Innovation, Startups, and Youth Energy Mark IDE Bootcamp 2026 at NEHU

Shillong, March 12: The Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp 2026 was officially inaugurated at North-Eastern Hill University in collaboration with the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and All India Council for Technical Education.

The event witnessed the participation of more than 170 participants, entrepreneurs, resource persons, and team members from across the state, united in their shared commitment towards innovation and entrepreneurship.



The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, symbolizing the pursuit of wisdom and success. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Dinesh Bhatia, Coordinator and SPOC of the bootcamp, spoke on the transformation of entrepreneurship in India, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted India's growing global innovation standing and encouraged students to innovate fearlessly for building a self-reliant nation. The session became highly interactive with Mr. Vikas Verma, Managing Editor at MIC and AICTE,

who shared inspiring examples of digital disruption and entrepreneurship through the success story of Netflix. His engaging interaction motivated participants to think creatively and embrace innovation enthusiastically. Guest speaker Mr. RajKiran Pund further motivated the students by assuring them that by the end of the bootcamp, every participant would confidently learn the art of pitching ideas effectively. He also shared that this was his tenth bootcamp, reflecting his commitment to nurturing young innovators

Department of Economics organizes a workshop on “Systematic Review of Literature with PRISMA”

The Department of Economics, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong successfully organized a workshop on “Systematic Review of Literature with PRISMA” on 15 June 2026. The session was conducted by Prof. Manash P. Goswami, Head and Professor, Department of Mass Communication, NEHU, Shillong. Through his insightful presentation, participants gained a comprehensive understanding of the PRISMA framework and its application in conducting systematic and high-quality literature reviews. The department also conducted 4th Multi-

disciplinary colloquy on 20th June, 2026, on a very important theme titled “Illicit Financial Flows: Development Deficit and Governance Reform”. The session chaired by Prof Bhagirathi Panda, featured Prof Ashok Acharya, Professor Political Science, Delhi University, as the speaker and Prof Joydeep Baruah, Director, Surya Kumar Bhuyan School of Social Science, KKHSOU, Guwahati, who gave the prologue. Prof Acharya reflected on the illicit financial flows through transfer pricing practiced by large business, depriving developing countries of taxes and revenues required for development.



The Department of Economics, NEHU, Shillong, hosted Dr. Erik de Maaker for a stimulating seminar on "Taking the Commons to the Market: Rights, Responsibilities and Resistance."

Through rich field experiences and critical insights, the session explored how markets, community rights, and livelihoods intersect in shaping contemporary rural realities.

The Dept of Economics also organized its third research colloquy on 4th June, 2026. In the

spotlight, Miss Amrita Basumatary reflects on the estimates of total economic value of ecosystem services by quantifying the Direct Use values, Indirect Use values and Non use values of Indian forests, using market-based methods and benefit transfer approaches. Miss Imdeshisha Kharkonger presented on "Living Conditions in Urban Slums of India: Key Insights from NSS Data (1993–2012), examining changes in the living conditions of urban slums using data from successive NSS surveys.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography celebrated its historic Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years of academic excellence, impactful research, and dedicated service. The milestone event took place in Multi- Use Convention Hall on the 19th June 2026, bringing together the present and the former faculties, students, esteemed guests and distinguished alumni.

The celebration commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address from the Head of the Department. The chief guest, former Vice Chancellor, Arunachal University delivered a keynote speech highlighting the evolving role of geography in addressing global climate challenges and urban planning. The event was graced by distinguished professors: Prof B.S.Mipun, Prof B.S.Butola, Prof D.K.Nayak whose presence made the program vibrant.



A major highlight of the event was the release of the commemorative Golden Jubilee Souvenir. This landmark publication serves as a comprehensive archive, documenting the foundational vision of the

department's pioneer, Prof. R.C. Sharma. It honors the rich legacy of our past faculty members—including Prof Majid Hussain, Prof S.Singh, and Prof R.K.Rai whose years of dedicated mentorship laid our foundation. Furthermore, the volume chronicles the institutional milestones, key faculty achievements, and collective contributions that have shaped the department's illustrious 50-year journey of academic excellence.

The afternoon session honoured past department heads, retired faculty members, and notable alumni for their invaluable contributions to the field. The

evening kicked off with a series of icebreaker games designed to bring everyone together and foster a warm, collaborative atmosphere, followed by Alumni from various batches shared nostalgic memories, reflecting on how the department shaped their professional paths. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the organizing committee, volunteers, Scholars, Students, and attendees who made the event a grand success. The Golden Jubilee celebration not only honored a proud past but also set a visionary path for the department's future endeavors.



MAWSYNRAM: THE WETTEST PLACE ON EARTH

Nestled in the East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya, Mawsynram is renowned as the wettest inhabited place on Earth. Receiving an average annual rainfall of nearly 12,000 millimetres, this small village has earned global recognition for its extraordinary climate. Yet, Mawsynram is much more than a geographical record. It is a place where nature and human life exist in remarkable harmony.

The exceptional rainfall is the result of moisture laden monsoon winds from the Bay of Bengal rising over the Khasi Hills. As the air cools, it releases heavy rainfall, transforming the region into a landscape of lush green hills, flowing streams, waterfalls, and mist covered valleys. Every season reveals the breathtaking beauty that has made Meghalaya famous as the "Abode of Clouds." Life in Mawsynram revolves around the rain. The local Khasi community has adapted to this unique environment through traditional knowledge and practices. One notable example is the knup, a

handcrafted bamboo and palm leaf rain shield that protects people from the relentless downpours. Homes and daily routines are also designed to withstand the region's extreme weather conditions.

Beyond its climate, Mawsynram offers visitors attractions such as the Mawjymbuin Cave, known for its fascinating limestone formations, and spectacular natural scenery that attracts tourists from around the world. These features make the village an important destination for eco tourism and nature lovers.

Mawsynram is not simply the wettest place on Earth. It is a symbol of resilience, where people have learned to live in harmony with one of the world's most challenging climates. Its natural beauty, rich culture, and unique way of life make Mawsynram one of Meghalaya's most treasured destinations and a place worthy of global admiration.

NEHU Panorama wishes NEHU Employees a healthy and heartiest retirement life.

1. Smti Lossie Thangkhiew, Personal Assistant, Department of History.
2. Shri Mairo Kurbah, Laboratory Assistant, Annual Report Cell.
3. Shri Holen Roy Kharir, Motor Mechanic, Administration-II.
4. Shri Marshall Hynniewta, Junior Library Assistant, NEHU Central Library.
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6. Smti Meena Singh, MTS (Cleaner), Department of Physics.
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The NEHU Panorama extends its heartfelt appreciation to all retired staff members for their invaluable contributions to the University community and wishes them continued good health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

